TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1105.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Thursday, the 16th Karkatakam 1105/31st July 1930.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven-thirty of the Clock with Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, B. A., B. L., Deputy President, in the Chair.

The following members were absent,

Messrs. Tariatu Kunjitomman,
Muruvelil Pachu Pillai,
Matthew Murikkan,
A. G. Menon,
Ittoop Itteechan,
D. C Joseph,
K. C. Karunakaran and
H. B. Mahmed Rowther.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were then sworn in :—

1. Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai B. A., B. L.,
2. Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai B. A., B. L., and
3. Mr. F. G. McAlpine M. A.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Checking of salt, etc., by the Excise Commissioner.

1. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the present Excise Commissioner took charge of the Department ;

(*b*) the quantity of salt in stock in the various salt depots and *allowis* of the State on the date the Commissioner took charge ;

(*c*) the stock of tobacco in the various tobacco stores of the State on that date ;

(*d*) the stock of *ganja* in the various stores of the State on that date ;

(*e*) the stock of opium in the various stores of the State on that date ;

(*f*) the stock of arrack in the various stores and distilleries of the State on that date ;

(*g*) whether the Commissioner has checked the stock of the above-said articles before he took charge of the Department ;

(*h*) if the answer to part (*g*) is in the affirmative, the date or dates on which such checkings were conducted in various places ;

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[Mr. V. J. Oommen.]

(*i*) whether the Commissioner has detected any difference in stock;

(*j*) whether the Commissioner has ever checked the stock of the above-said articles since he took charge of the Department; and

(*k*) if the answer to part (*j*) is in the affirmative, the dates on which such checkings were conducted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 17th Tulam 1103.

(*b*) to (*f*) The Government do not propose to collect the information required by the member as, in their opinion, the time and labour involved will be out of proportion to its utility.

(*g*) No; it is neither necessary nor possible to do so.

(*h*) and (*i*) These questions do not arise, in view of the answer to part (*g*).

(*j*) After the Excise Commissioner took charge of the Department he has verified the stock of opium and *ganja* in the stores of his office.

(*k*) 19-11-1927/4-4-1103 and 1-12-1928/16-4-1104.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Part (*g*). "No; it is neither necessary nor possible to do so." എന്നു പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർ ചാർജ്ജെടുത്ത തീയതിയിൽ സ്റ്റാക്ക് തിട്ടപ്പെടുത്താതെയിരിക്കയും, മൻക്രട്ടിസ്റ്റാക്കിൽ കുറവുണ്ടായിരിക്കയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നാൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന നഷ്ടത്തിനു് ആരാണു് ഉത്തരവാദി?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): അതാതു് സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ചുമതലയുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുണ്ടു്. അവരാണു് ഉത്തരവാദികൾ.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർക്കു ചുമതലയില്ലെന്നാണൊ ഇതിൽ നിന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു്?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങിനെയല്ലപറഞ്ഞതു്. ഈചുമതല പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു് എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണരിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നില്ല. അവിടവിടെ ആഫീസർമാരുണ്ടു്. അവർ ഡേമണി വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അവരുടെ മേൽനോട്ടം മാത്രമാണു് കമ്മീഷണർക്കുള്ളതു്.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): സ്റ്റാക്കു് തിട്ടപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർക്കു യാതൊരു ചുമതലയുമില്ലെന്നാണോ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു്?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങിനെപറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He has told you distinctly that so far as this particular question is concerned the liability is primarily of that of the local officer. What is the use of your repeating the question?

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): കൊച്ചിയിൽ സ്റ്റാക്കിൽ കറവുവന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ മേൽ ലക്ഷത്തിൽ ചിലപാനം രൂപായുടെ കേസ് എടുത്തുനടപടി നടത്തുന്നതായിട്ടറിയാമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അങ്ങിനെ കേസ് നടന്നുവരുന്നു എന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു വിശ്വസിക്കാമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): നോട്ടുചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What is the relevancy of that? You may pass on, Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.

Bus-stand at Alleppey.

2. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Dewan or the Commissioner of Police received a telegram from two or three citizens of Alleppey on the 3rd May 1929 praying for the personal inspection of any place;

(*b*) whether the Dewan or the Commissioner of Police received a petition dated the 7th Minam 1104 from some of the citizens of the Alleppey town praying for personal inspection of any place regarding the shifting of a bus-stand at the Alleppey town;

(*c*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken by the Dewan or the Commissioner of Police regarding the above; and

(*d*) whether the Dewan or the Commissioner of Police has given any reply to the petitioners or the signatories of the telegram?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such telegram was received by the Dewan. The Commissioner of Police has reported that he received a telegram dated the 3rd May 1929, sent by three persons.

(*b*) No such petition was received by the Dewan. The Commissioner of Police reports that he received a petition dated the 9th Minam 1104.

(*c*) The Commissioner of Police has already inspected the places mentioned in the telegram and the petition and submitted a report to the Government suggesting the places to which the bus-stands should be shifted.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration by the Government, Hence no reply was thought necessary at this stage.

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